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TAGS: PINR, PFOR, AF, PO

SUBJECT: CABINDAN SEPARATISTS

REF: BERN 3414, KINSHASA 7873

1. WHILE BASTOS AND LUBATA ARE UNKNOWN TO DEPT., POLITICAL GROUP CALLING FOR INDEPENDENCE OF CABINDA KNOWN AS FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF ENCLAVE OF CABINDA (FLEC) HAS EXISTED SINCE MID-1960'S. IT REMAINED RELATIVELY UNKNOWN AND INACTIVE UNTIL RECENTLY. SINCE APRIL COUP IN PORTUGAL IT HAS COME TO THE FORE AGAIN BUT HAS APPARENTLY SPLIT INTO AT LEAST TWO FACTIONS.

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2. ALTHOUGH LED BY SEVERAL LOCAL PERSONALITIES, EACH OF THE TWO FACTIONS SEEMS TO BE SUPPORTED AT LEAST TACITLY, BY ZAIRE AND CONGO RESPECTIVELY. DEPTH OF THEIR LOCAL CABINDAN FOLLOWING IS UNKNOWN AND WE CANNOT ON BASIS INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ESTIMATE THEIR CHANCES LEADING CABINDA TO INDEPENDENCE.

3. ANOTHER FLEC LEADER WHO RECENTLY CONTACTED EMBASSY KINSHASA FOLLOWED BASIC ARGUMENT GIVEN EMBASSY BERN, I.E. CABINDA IS IN DANGER OF COMING UNDER COMMUNIST INFLUENCE AND THE WEST, BECAUSE OF ITS ECONOMIC STAKE IN CABINDA,

SHOULD PAY ATTENTION.

4. FYI. ON BASIS CURRENT INFORMATION, DEPT BELIEVES WE MUST MAINTAIN NEUTRAL IMAGE AND STANCE TOWARD CABINDAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, NEITHER SUPPORTING NOR OPPOSING CABINDAN SEPARATISM. IN CONTACTS WITH GROUP LEADERS NO RPT NO IMPRESSION SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT WE SUPPORT SEPARATION. END FYI.

5. IF FLEC REPRESENTATIVES SEEK ADDITIONAL CONTACT, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WHILE IT WILLING LISTEN TO THEM, USG'S POSITION IS ONE OF STRICT NEUTRALITY TOWARD DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES AS THEY MOVE TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE. KISSINGER

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